



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of City Coordinator

Date: July 13, 2011
To: Don Samuels, Council Member Chair, Public Safety & Health
Subject: **2010 Living Well Sustainability Report**
Recommendation: Receive and File

Previous Directives:

- **June 2006:** First Minneapolis Annual Sustainability Report release
- **March 31, 2006:** Adopted Sustainability Targets and new Air Quality indicator
- **Resolution: 2005R-251:** Adopted 23 Sustainability Indicators and further directed staff
- **Resolution 2003R-133:** Initiated the Sustainability Initiative

Department Information

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Financial Impact

No financial impact

Supporting Information

Attached is the 2011 Living Well – the sixth annual report on progress related to the 26 City Council adopted indicators that evolved out of the City's 2003 Sustainability Initiative. Each of the 26 indicators found in the report tracks targets, trends and recent activities and allows us to measure progress and match actions with goals. As in past years, the 12 Greenprint Indicators were presented to the Regulatory Energy and Environment Committee of the City Council in April.

The City of Minneapolis is committed to citywide economic opportunity, social equality and environmental sustainability. Sustainability in a community is simply health: economic, environmental and social health. It addresses issues together so that resolving one issue strengthens another. It creates efficiencies, increases resilience and supports quality of life for the present and the future. The City government is also committed to innovative and results-driven business practices to maintain and enhance the livability of our city. These commitments – combined with an engaged population and strong partnerships with other institutions and organizations – mean that all residents should be *Living Well*.

Highlights during 2010 include:

Healthy Life

- Once again, fewer children had elevated levels of lead.
- The number of HIV cases was at its lowest level since 2005, and the number of gonorrhea cases was at the lowest level in a decade.

Greenprint

- Transit ridership rebounded, and bike ridership increased.
- Renewable energy installations dramatically increased.

Vital Community

- The pace accelerated for building and updating affordable housing.
- Violent crime decreased almost 27 percent over the past four years.

The City experienced setbacks too, including continued health disparities among populations of color, a decline in recycling and composting rates, and jobs lost due to the struggling economy.

2011 brings some new projects. Because of the strong connection between a mother's mental well-being and the outcome of her pregnancy and the early parenting of her child, in 2011 Minneapolis Twin Cities Healthy Start will conduct peer-facilitated support groups for women in the community. Such structured support groups help women formulate and achieve progress on action plans and have been shown to increase the mental well-being of participants. New investments for improving healthy weight in 2011 include a citywide awareness campaign to engage residents in making their surroundings healthier. An initiative to strengthen the biking culture in north Minneapolis includes a new bike/walk center and new Nice Ride locations. The

Thinc.Green^{MSP}, an unprecedented economic-development partnership between the two cities, business, organized labor, nonprofits and government to retain, grow and attract green-manufacturing businesses and jobs in the Minneapolis–Saint Paul region also has activities underway.

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5The report can be found on this City's website along with a listing of sustainability awards received by the City at: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability